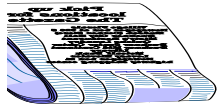


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Monday, April 21, 2014

The Gazette newspaper beginning its 20th year of publication!

On April 5, 1995, the first issue of The Gazette Weekly was published!

Thinking back over the past 20 years, I am amazed at what we have accomplished.

When Chuck gave me a valentine card on Valentine's Day in 1995, he put a note in it saying that "he couldn't give me his heart, since it was old, it's fine, but he could give me a newspaper." Well, needless to say he played on my sympathy and I said okay. Mind you, I didn't even read newspapers, so this was quite a challenge. I didn't even know how to turn on a computer, let alone do a newspaper. But, with the patience and I mean patience of many individuals The Gazette Weekly was born.

When Jennifer would leave for school, I would have her turn on the computer and my day began.

In the beginning we published

weekly and mailed the paper. As costs in printing and mailing became higher, and some businesses had closed, we decided to throw the paper. Now throwing the paper was something I really enjoyed. I loved seeing all the people and waving to them, and they loved seeing our Basset, Bridget Leigh, hanging out the back window. Sad to say, Bridget passed away 2 1/2 years ago. We now have a rescue Basset, Daisy May who helps with the delivering of papers.

Through the years we have gone from a weekly newspaper to a monthly, thus the name has been changed to simply The Gazette, but is still a locally owned and operated newspaper by the Ison family. We have met many, many wonderful individuals, groups and organizations. We have had the privilege of learning about our

communities, its history, the different families that settled here, and the list is endless. We love welcoming new babies into the community, printing school news, area and local news, what's happening in town and generally keeping the public informed as best as we can about their communities. I think the saddest part of the paper, is saying good-bye to family and friends.

I believe the paper is one of the best things to happen to me, besides my family and friends.

I would like to thank each and

everyone of you for your support, through stories shared, pictures, advertising, prayers, kindness and generosity.

I can't guarantee that I will be here another 20 years, kind of getting old, but I can promise you that as long as I am physically and mentally, (questionable) able, I will do my best to get the news out to you in a timely manner.

A big THANK YOU to all our readers, advertisers, and everyone who has had an input in The Gazette and a positive impact on our communities!

New Italian Restaurant to open soon in downtown Buckner!



Downtown Buckner is soon to be the home of a new business, Tuscono's, Italian restaurant. The owners are Kirk and Renee Kellough.

The restaurant will serve pizza cooked in a wood fire oven, along with many, many pasta dishes. The building is being completely renovated and looks fantastic! There is also an outdoor eating area, where you can enjoy your meal outside and visit with family and friends during business hours.

Tuscono's will be open this summer and we will post the grand opening in The Gazette.

City of Buckner holds ground breaking ceremony for their new Municipal Building to be located in downtown Buckner



New Buckner Elementary School Principal Announced

Dr. Mark Enderle, Superintendent of Schools, is pleased to announce Mrs. Karen Hile as principal of Buckner Elementary School. Mrs. Hile will begin her duties effective July 28, 2014. Hile replaces Mr. Patrick Farnan who is retiring effective June 30, 2014.

"The tradition of excellence, focus on high student achievement and close knit community is what brought me to Buckner Elementary and the Fort Osage School District. I am excited and honored to join the team as we continue to lead the Buckner Bobcats to greatness," said Hile.

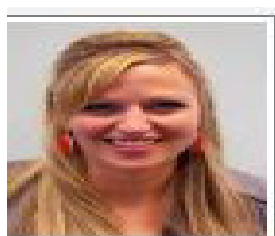
Hile is currently an Administrative Intern at Blue Ridge Elementary School in the Raytown School District where she has served since 2012. Hile also served as an Administrative Intern at Norfleet Elementary School for one year. Prior to assuming her

Administrative Intern roles, Hile served as a Teaching and Learning Coach, and an elementary teacher at Robinson Elementary in the Raytown School District. Hile also taught at Milton Moore Elementary School in the Kansas City Missouri School District.

Hile holds a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Psychology from Truman State University. She earned a Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Truman State University in 2005. Hile earned her Education Specialist from The University of Central Missouri in 2011.

She and her husband reside in Kansas City, MO. Hile is involved with the Junior League and KCSEPA.

Hile can be reached for comment at 816-786-7809 or via email at karehile@gmail.com



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Obituary

Leon Francis Gilbert

Leon Francis Gilbert was born Thursday January 11, 1940 to Francis Alexander and Marie Frances Schowengerdt Gilbert who preceded him in death. He was born in a two room log cabin in the Saline County river bottom near Miami, Mo. He died April 8, 2014 at the St. Mary's Manor in Blue Springs, Mo. He was 74 years old.

Leon attended Levasy Grade School and Fort Osage High School in Jackson County. After graduation in 1958 he went to work for Burlington Northern Railroad. The following year he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was in the Engineering Section. He was stationed in Germany. He was married March 3, 1961 to Annerose Moll in Germany. Their son, Warrant Officer II Leroy Francis Gilbert of

Osage Beach, was born August 10, 1961. When Leon got out of the army Leon returned to Burlington Northern Railroad to work. Leon and Annerose built a house in Levasy, MO. Their daughter, Christine Jeanne Gilbert, of Blue Springs was born June 16, 1963. Leon and his family resided there until Leon and Annerose divorced in December 1971.

Leon bought part of the farm where he grew up near Levasy and had a new house put there. January 11, 1974 Leon married Carla Kay Williams. They lived on the farm and Leon continued working at Burlington Northern Railroad until May 1991 when he had to take medical retirement. In April 1991 Leon was elected Mayor of Levasy and serve one term, ran and won a second term but resigned

in June of 1993. In July of 1993 Leon and Carla purchased and moved to a farm near Wellington, Mo, in Layfayette County, where they built a house and made many improvements to the farm. In 1992 Leon started a truck hauling business and he took hauling jobs from the Kansas City area to anywhere in the United States.

Leon loved hunting and fishing. He went to Canada several years to go fishing. He traveled to several states in the United States and to Mexico to go hunting.

Leon was a member of Buckner VFW, Masonic Lodge in Buckner, the Ararat Shrine in Kansas City, the United Methodist Church in Napoleon and the NRA.

In addition to his wife, Carla, and his children, Leroy Francis Gilbert and

Christine Jeanne Gilbert, he leaves 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, two sisters, Alma Jeanne Gilbert Best of Chamois, Mary Elizabeth Gilbert Potter of Blue Springs, and two brothers, Leroy Ernst Gilbert of Blue Springs and David Alexander Gilbert of Tucson, AZ.

Visitation was held at Speaks Funeral Home in Buckner, MO Monday, April 14, 2014 from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services were Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the Napoleon United Methodist Church. He was buried in the VA Cemetery near Higginsville, MO.

Donations can be made to the United Methodist Church in Napoleon, Missouri.

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Jackson County Executive to Recognize Accomplishments of Drug Task Force

April 13, 2014 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – At Monday’s regular weekly meeting of the Jackson County Legislature, Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders will recognize the efforts of the Jackson County Drug Task Force in fighting drug crime in the community.

Tomorrow’s legislative meeting will begin at 2:30 P.M. on the ground floor of the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse in Independence (308 West Kansas, Independence, Missouri).

For the third consecutive year, the Task Force has been named the Law Enforcement Unit of the Year by the Missouri Narcotic Officers Association (MNOA). Additionally, Dan Cummings, the Officer in Charge for the Task Force was named Officer of the Year by the MNOA.

The Jackson County Drug Task Force was formed in 1986 and is comprised of representatives from fourteen area law enforcement agencies including police departments throughout the county as well as the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office and Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Task Force is funded by the quarter-cent Community Backed Anti-Drug Sales Tax (COMBAT).

County Executive Sanders will be joined at the presentation by Jackson County Sheriff Mike Sharp, Sugar Creek Police Chief Herb Soule, and Officer Cummings.

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Jackson County Executive to Participate in Child Abuse Awareness Event with Operation Breakthrough

Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders will join Sister Berta Sailer of Operation Breakthrough and other public officials on Monday, April 14 in honoring children who have been victims of abuse or neglect.

Monday’s event will begin at 1:00 P.M. and take place outside the Historic Truman Courthouse in downtown Independence (112 West Lexington, Independence, Missouri).

The event is part of a series of programs taking place in conjunction with National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Over 100 tombstones bearing the names of children who have died as a result of abuse or neglect will be displayed.

“We use tombstones as reminders that children in our community die needlessly every year, due to abuse and neglect,” said Sailer. “We need to encourage people to take appropriate action when they suspect that a child or a family needs help.”

Lee's Summit Police Officers to raise funds for Special Olympics athletes

Lee’s Summit Police Department in helping Special Olympics Missouri athletes. As part of the ongoing relationship between law enforcement agencies and SOMO, officers will be serving at Habanero’s to raise money for nearly 17,000 athletes around the state. Habanero's is located at 1008 SE Blue Parkway, Lee's Summit, MO.

LSPD will be hosting a Tip-A-Cop event at Habanero’s,from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. on April 17, 2014. There will be a taco eating contest at 3:30 p.m. For only a \$10 donation, anyone can see how many tacos they can eat in a set amount of time.

So come on out and show your support for Lee’s Summit Police Department and Special Olympics athletes on April 17th at Habanero’s.

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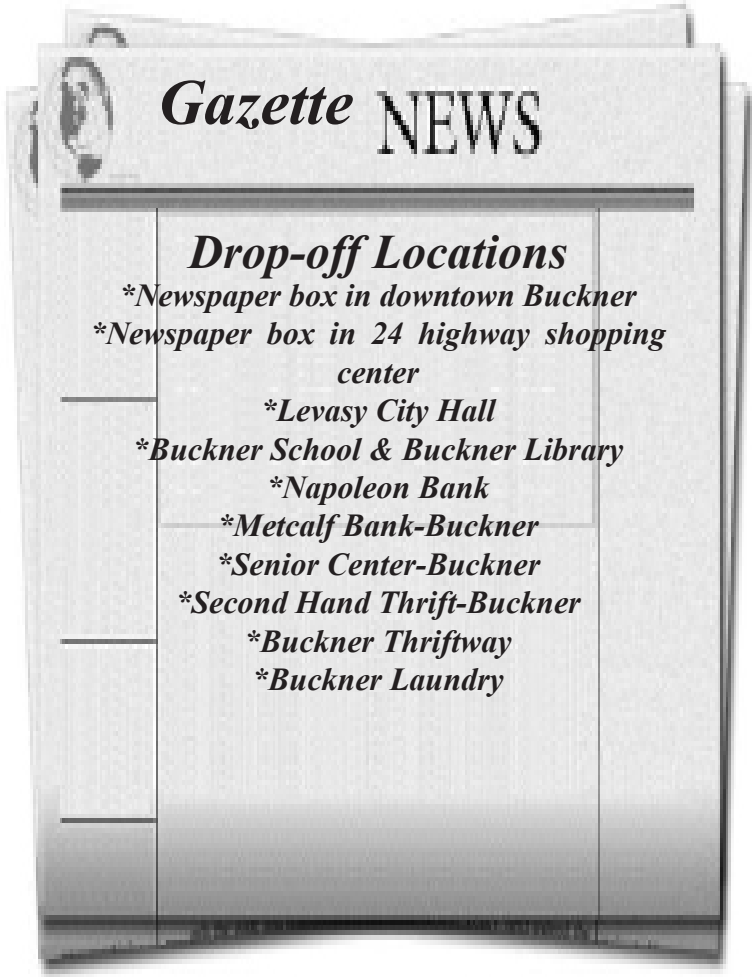
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Pictured below left to right is: Moses Potter and Emma Lentz. This is Moses Potters first Easter and he is really enjoying finding easter eggs along with cousin Emma! Pictures sent to The Gazette by Tammy Potter, proud grandma



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Biker Sunday

Biker Sunday was held again this year at Heart of God Church, located on BB Highway, Buckner, Mo. They had a great attendance and a lot of fun and fellowship again this year. Awesome bikes and great people!



Picture courtesy of Susan Smith, Levasy, MO.

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The Colorwonderful Food Drive

April 21 through April 25

Hey Buckner Bobcats, help our town out by participating in The Colorwonderful Food Drive. Each day we'll ask you to wear a certain color to remind you to bring in specific items. This is a grade level contest to see how much we can bring in to benefit the Community Service League, which will help families right here in Buckner! All students in the winning grade level will receive an extra 30 minute recess with Mr. Farnan and Mrs. Culbertson!

Monday is Red Day

Tomato products— Tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, and tomato paste

Tuesday is Yellow and/or Orange Day

Pasta and Boxed Sides- Any dried pasta items, boxes or bags of side items (Hamburger Helper, Knorr noodles or rice)

Wednesday is Green Day

Canned Items- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, vienna sausages, etc.) , fruits, and veggies (please no corn or green beans as there is an abundance of these items)

Thursday is Blue Day

Toiletries- toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, soap, shampoo, and conditioner

Friday is Brown and/or Purple Day

Beans, peanut butter, and cereal- bags of dried beans, boxed cereal, oatmeal, jars of peanut butter, and jelly

Remember that everything we collect will help families right here in Buckner!



Tie Drive

We are in need of ties to decorate the Open House Retirement celebration for Mr. Farnan! If you could send in your old ties, we will use them and then turn right around and donate them to the Community Service League right here in Buckner. They have a clothes closet available for people looking for employment and in need of clothing suitable to wear to an interview.

Do two good deeds in one turn!

Please send in ties by Friday, May 2nd.

Your help is greatly appreciated by all parties involved.



Don't forget to come join us on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm to celebrate Mr. Farnan as he says Goodbye to the Tie!

CTC Culinary Students Featured in Chef Series at Powell Gardens

Each season Powell Gardens invites chefs and other culinary enthusiasts to demonstrate recipes featuring ingredients grown in the Heartland Harvest Garden, the nation's largest edible landscape. Fort Osage Career and Technology Center Culinary Arts students and instructor Lisa Burgess have been invited to present a demo as part of the series. 2nd year students will be demonstrating healthy recipes that can be made in your home.

Friday, May 2, 2014

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Held in the Open-Air Missouri Barn

Powell Gardens (1609 NW US Highway 50, Kingsville, MO 64061)

High School Seniors Honored for Outstanding Educational Achievement

12 members of the class of 2014 from the Fort Osage Career and Technology Center have received the High Schools that Work Award of Educational Achievement. The Southern Regional Education Board gives this award to high school seniors who have completed a challenging program of study and demonstrated readiness for employment and for college. Award recipients are:

Justin Collyott, Blue Springs High School—CSS2
Jesse Harris, Blue Springs South High School—CSS2
Nikki Harvey, Fort Osage High School—Health Science
Alex Siefker, Fort Osage High School—Ag Science
Chad Sutton, Fort Osage High School—E-Studies
Austin Booth, Grain Valley High School—CAD/Engineering
Caitlin Bush, Grain Valley High School—E-Studies
Hope Groff, Grain Valley High School—Health Science
Miranda Hursman, Grain Valley High School—EMT
Kirsten Montez, Grain Valley High School—Health Science
Hunter Peterson, Grain Valley High School—E-Studies
Ashlynn States, Grain Valley High School—Culinary Arts

“These students are to be commended for their efforts,” said Mike Pantleo, Director at the Career and Technology Center. “They have taken challenging courses in high school and scored high on rigorous exams and by doing so, they have increased their likelihood of success in the workplace and further education.”

Student qualify for the award by completing a college-preparatory course of study in at least two of three subject areas; completing a concentration in a career-technical area; and meeting readiness goals in all three subjects areas of the High Schools That Work Assessment.

The Southern Regional Education Board is a multi-state compact for education, founded in 1948. High School That Work, launched in 1987, is the largest high school improvement effort in the United States, with more than 1,100 school sites in 30 states and the District of Columbia.

Founded in 2007, The Technology Centers that Work school improvement model has more than 180 technology centers in 18 states. The Technology Centers that Work model is based on the High Schools That Work improvement design, with modifications that target the specific needs of technology centers and their sending high schools.

High School Seniors Selected for State Academic Honor

Fort Osage High School seniors, David Hankins Jr and Claire Benedict, were selected Honorable Mention students in the 2014 Missouri Scholars 100, a state wide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2014.

Missouri Scholars 100 is a program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals. Schools across Missouri were invited to nominate candidates for this statewide recognition. The selection is based primarily on a formula using the student's grade point average and

ACT or SAT score. Each student nominated had to first meet criteria of an “Academic Decathlon” which included ten “event” designed to assure the academic strength of the student. To meet the decathlon requirements, the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,900, be ranked in the upper ten percent of the class, and have taken upper level courses in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language. The student must also have excellent attendance, be an exemplary school citizen, and be involved in the school activity program.

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Announcements

The Gazette’s policy on PSA’s is we print them on a first come, first serve basis as space allows and they need to be submitted 2-3 weeks before the scheduled publication date. Some examples of PSA’s are engagements, birth announcements and church and community events.

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Our last meeting was attended by 25 people, 11 more the first. What a great turn out! Thanks for all that came. I presented a 20 min. presentation on how our organization was to be set up. We will mirror the Missouri Main Street program. We also spoke about the different committees that will need to be organized, and what each committee would be responsible for, 9 people signed up to help on committees.

Committees that will be formed are Organization Committee, Design Committee, Economic Restructuring Committee, Promotion Committee. Organization Committee: Public Relations/Communications, Organizational Development, Fundraising, Volunteer Management, Design Committee: Historic Preservation, Planning/

Engineering, Design/Architecture, Construction/Property Development, Visual Merchandising, Promotion Committee: Event Organizing, Marketing/Branding, Advertising/Graphic design, Public Relations, Fundraising, Economic Restructuring: Small Business Development/Management/Financing, Business Planning, Education assistance, Real Estate Development

If you have certain talents or expertise in any of the above areas, please help us out and join in on the fun! The Board of Directors will be President Mike Larkin, Vice President Kirk Kellough, Secretary Darrel Box. It was a great turn out and it seems that there is a genuine desire for the downtown to flourish, and it will with your help.

Sincerely, Michael P. Larkin

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Buckner Elementary School

Music Success

The Fort Osage High School Music Department has been busy participating in state wide competitions.

The Vocal Music Department has 15 students who will advance to the State Music Contest on Thursday, May 1 at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Receiving a 1 Exemplary rating (and headed to state)
Soloist: Seta Pau (sophomore)

Touch of Class Girl’s Sextet: Eme Barker (sophomore), Claire Benedict (senior), Destiny Lewis (junior), Alexis McGowan (sophomore), Seta Pau (sophomore), and Noelle Postlethwait (senior)

Touch of Class Boy’s Double quartet: Carter Behler (junior), Kai Chapin (senior), Nehemiah Deason (senior), Sam Gouldsmith (sophomore), Christian Luauki (freshman), Aaron Long (sophomore), Chris Seymour (junior), and Celzo Wanamaker (senior).

Touch of Class Mixed Double Quartet: Eme Barker (sophomore), Carter Behler (junior), Claire Benedict (senior), Mal Brown (sophomore), Kai Chapin (senior), Nehemiah Deason (senior), Aaron Long (sophomore), and Alexis McGowan (sophomore).

The Fort Osage High School band members competed in the Solo/Small Ensemble Festival and 13 will be moving on to state on Thursday, May 1.

Receiving Exemplary Ratings (and headed to state)

Matthew Baumler (junior)- piano and oboe solos

Carolyn Jennings (junior), Maddy Place (junior) and Sarah Simons (sophomore)- clarinet trio

Dalton Archer (freshman) trombone solo

Jordyn Krause (freshman) Clarinet solo

Kaitlin Evans (freshman) clarinet solo

Jordyn Krause (freshman), Kaitlin Evans (freshman), Kacie Powell (freshman), and Britten Giangrosso (senior)- clarinet quartet

Jody Jennings (senior), Aaron Long (sophomore), Matthew Allen (junior), Matthew Baumler (junior) and Lane Spillman (freshman)- percussion ensemble

The Fort Osage High School Symphonic Band participated in the State Music Festival on Wednesday, March 26 at Lee’s Summit West High School. They earned the highest rating awarded, a I or exemplary.

The Fort Osage High School Touch of Class and Concert Choirs participated in the State Large Ensemble Contest. Both choirs earned a I exemplary rating.

Fort Osage High School freshman, Abigail Key, received Honorable Mention on her original composition at the University of Missouri-Columbia Composition competition.

Birth Announcement

Finley Renee Kincart

Nathan and Kristy Kincart are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Finley Renee Kincart, born on March 21, 2014. Finley weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches in length.

Misty and Geno Copeland are the proud maternal grandparents. Cindy and Noland Kincart are the proud paternal grandparents.

Finley has a two year old brother, Mason Wayne Kincart. Congratulations!



Mason Wayne Kincart

Big brother

Finley Renee Kincart

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If you would like to place a birth announcement in The Gazette, please submit it to editor@gazetteweekly.com Thanks!



Wellington/Napoleon School News

Middle School FBLA (Future Buisness Leaders of America)

Results from the state competition held in Columbia Missouri on april 13-15. I will also send a picture when I get it from the sponsor.

Business Computation: Kelsi Southard 4th place and Elizabeth Fahrmeier 10th place
Career Exploration: Caitlin Niendick 10th place and Kiera Paige **1st Place Computer Slide Show:** Taylor, Allyson, and Shelby 5th
Place Creed Speaking: Emma Williamson 2nd place **FBLA Concepts:** Shelby 9th place
Internet Concepts: Kenny Manning 1st Place and Taylor Shaw 6th place **Keyboarding 1:** Taylor Shaw 2nd Place **Keyboarding 2:** Alaina 8th Place **Marketing Concepts:** Gavin Collins 5th Place, Kelsi Southard 7th, and Allyson 9th
Place Personal Finance Concepts: Gavin Collins 5th Place, Kelsi Southard 7th Place and Caitlin Niendick 8th Place **Public Speaking:** Elizabeth Fahrmeier 1st Place **Spreadsheet Applications:** Kiera Paige 8th Place **Web Page Creation:** Alaina and Emma- 4th Place
Every student that placed in the top 5 received a medal! So proud to be a TIGER!



ML Group from Wellington/Napoleon School at state

District Quiz Bowl champs



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Thank you to Steve Kropp and Sheri Beissenherz for serving 3 terms the past 9 years on the WN school board

March Students of the Month

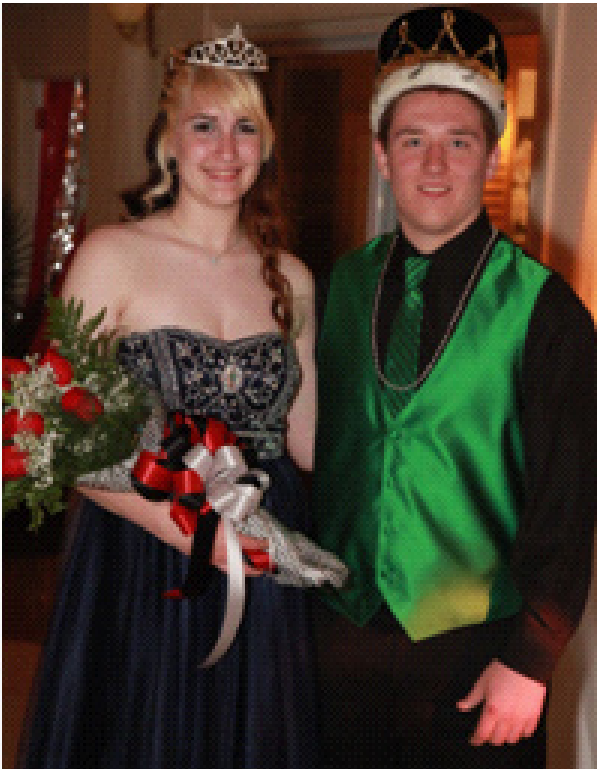


*L-R
Stone Willoughby—8th
Alecia Hearn—8th
Kelsey Gray—9th
Mikayla Lohsandt—11th*



Choir holds a fundraising concert for Fallon Moody (Odessa) who is battling cancer and has an infant child. They raised \$400 for the family.

Congrats to Jodi Banner, Kim Southard and Cheryl Dickey for being selected as the new WN school board members



Prom Queen, Cori Mitchell and King, Nick Dysart

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